

NOTICE

To The People of Holt and adjacent Counties

In the past few weeks there have been many reports circulated concerning conditions at BIG LAKE Mo. These reports resemble the propaganda circulated by the Germans in this country during the World War. They are circulated by certain persons in order to gain a personal end.

It is my pleasure to declare openly to the people of Holt County that these reports as to insanitary and immoral conditions at BIG LAKE are absolutely false and founded on no better grounds than mere personal prejudice. They are an insult to the good people who enjoy spending an evening or a Sunday at the Lake.

I will consider it a personal favor if anyone can give me information which will aid me in running down the source of this malicious propaganda.

JOHN F. IDEN.

what farmer organization it was that pushed through the farmer legislative program, ask your senator or representative—don't take our word for it, or that of any of the "shooters" who so loudly claim that THEY and they alone are responsible.

Your state federation has not had enough money or the facilities for publishing a paper, but the publicity department has functioned more efficiently than most states. Voluminous bulletins have been issued regularly, crammed to the margins with valuable information. And a careful check shows that the Missouri Farm Bureau Federation has received more space and more favorable notice in the newspapers of the state than any other organization with no exception. The amount of Farm Bureau news printed compares more than favorably with results in other states.

The Missouri Marketing service has been fostered and is in a fair way, through the two divisions at St. Joseph and St. Louis, to take rank along with the marketing service afforded Farm Bureau members in surrounding states.

Organization of co-operative enterprises with aid from the state federation has been a flourishing project and the record is one to be proud of. The Missouri Farm Bureau Federation is YOUR organization, managed by YOUR officers and executive committee. The record they have made for you is enviable and is more than good enough to justify the farmers of the state in financing the work sufficiently.

It takes members, loyalty and money, in the order named, to make a successful organization of any kind. The Missouri Farm Bureau Federation has the members and the loyalty. What it needs is money.

Will you help to put your state organization on a financial basis that will permit your officers and the specialists they will employ to make a real record for you?

The Light Ahead.

Practically a year has now elapsed since the business slump that has affected every line of industry in the United States began. It has been a year of sore trials. Few indeed are those who have not suffered financial loss. Total wreckage of fortunes and blasting of hopes have been common. Prosperous institutions have lost fifty, sixty, and up to ninety per cent of their volume of business. Properties that were worth one hundred cents on the dollar have shrunk in value to a mere fraction. Millions of people are out of employment. Agriculture has sustained the worst shock in its history.

And yet—there is a light ahead! Faith in the future was never more justified. We have every material resource that we ever had. Our government is secure. Our people have kept their heads. The national morale is high. No enemy threatens. Pestilence and disease are singularly absent. Crops are ample, and the herds are healthy. We have no panic. Our financial structure is tremendously strong. Opportunities line the path of all who are looking and going forward.

Some readjustments are yet to be made, especially in price. There will be more losses, but these will be individual. It is inevitable that some additional failures will be recorded. Recovery will be too slow to save those who took too long chances, or who were caught in the whirl-pools of the economic reverse. But the storm has been weathered. On the whole, the business trend is now in the right direction. Progress will be slow, but sure. Climbing is never as swift as falling.

Disillusionment is a big factor, and much of our loss is imaginary, because our gains were not real. There is much to do, if we will but get at it—and we will. We have but started in our national progress. Only the foundation of what this nation—this people—will become has been laid. Upon this foundation we will build. All of us will be builders. A nation is but an aggregation of individuals, and to make the nation strong the individuals must be strong. So each one, in building or rebuilding himself, will be forming one unit that will go into the general structure. In building himself, he will help others, for that is the true law of economic and social progress. A rare privilege indeed is this. In no other land does such opportunity exist.

Previously we reported that the Farm Bureau picnic would be held on Thursday, Sept. 1, but we later found that this conflicts with the meeting of the Holt County Sunday School Association, which will be held in Mound City on August 31 and September 1, so that in order to avoid the conflict we have secured the consent of our speakers to hold this picnic on Tuesday, Aug. 30, instead. You will please govern yourselves accordingly.

Forget that we ever said September 1 and remember August 30 as a red-letter day in Holt county. Go to your calendar and mark a big circle around that date, bring a big basket with chicken and all the fixings and we will have a real old-fashioned picnic. Good speakers, plenty of amusement and a good time for all. The picnic is to be held at Big Lake.

ROSS NICHOLS, County Agent.

Formerly Lived at Bigelow.

L. E. Nilson, the engineer of the ill-fated stock train that went into the river, north of Kansas City, Monday of last week, July 25, and was drowned with the fireman and brakeman, was at one time a resident of Bigelow. George Conway in his news column in the News-Jeffersonian of July 29th, has the following sketch of his life:

"L. P. Neilson, one of our former residents, was the engineer, and was well and favorably known by almost every one in this vicinity. Mr. Neilson moved with his parents to Bigelow about the year 1891, from Council Bluffs, Iowa, his father taking charge of the round house and coal chute here. Several years later the Neilson family moved to a farm near Council Bluffs, and Lewis, as he was more familiarly known, took his father's place as foreman of the round house and coal chute.



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FARM BUREAU NOTES.

What Do You Expect to Get For Fifty Cents?

There are a few farmers in the state who have asked, "What is the Farm Bureau Doing For Me?" and a few others who said, "What Becomes of My Money That is Paid in as Dues?" To the first group, the answer is so full and complete as to be entirely satisfying. The list of achievements of both the American and the Missouri Farm Bureau Federations, which has been published recently, is so long as to prevent repetition here. Suffice it to say that any one of half a hundred accomplishments of either the state or national organizations, picked at random from the list, is enough to answer the most skeptical critic.

The answer to the second group is illuminating. Of the \$5 membership fee paid by each Farm Bureau member, \$4 is retained in the county to be administered by the county organization. The remaining \$1 is forwarded to the Missouri Farm Bureau Federation, and the state headquarters forwards 50c of each dollar to the American Farm Bureau Federation.

In theory, this practice might supply enough money for the state headquarters to function after a fashion. But in actual practice, many farmers do not pay their dues promptly and many counties hold off sending in the \$1 on the memberships collected and the result is that your state headquarters is almost constantly embarrassed because of lack of sufficient funds with which to carry on even the routine work of such an institution.

Farmers all over Missouri have realized that the only solution of their

problems is an organization. They also are realizing that there is a vast difference in organizations. What they have failed to realize is that the best organization in the world cannot function if it is not properly financed. Some farmers who have relatives in surrounding states, or who have paid visits to them, have inquired how it is that other states are able to do bigger things through their state headquarters than Missouri. The answer to that is easy. In Illinois, Kansas, Ohio, Michigan, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kentucky and other states, the membership is \$10 to \$15 a year. Of that amount, \$5 remains in the county, \$4.50 goes to the state organization and 50c to the American Farm Bureau Federation. In states like Illinois, where the individual fees are \$10, \$10 is retained in the county.

So it is easy to see why the Missouri Farm Bureau Federation with total receipts of one-ninth what other state organizations get and with fewer members than any of the surrounding states, is not able to do some of the big things that need doing. The Missouri Farm Bureau Federation is operating with four salaried employees. They are a director of organization, an acting secretary and two stenographers. This little group is attempting to keep up with the procession for you, and it is a splendid commentary on the management of your executive committee that Missouri has not lagged very far behind.

Despite the shortage of funds, your state federation has been successful in obtaining more beneficial legislation than any of the farmer organizations in any surrounding states. And if there is any doubt in your mind about

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holding this important position until ten years ago, when he was promoted to the position of engineer and moved his family to St. Joseph. About twenty-five years ago he was married to Miss Ada McCoy and they have two daughters, Misses Lucile and Mary. Mr. Neilson joined the Bigelow Camp, W. O. W., No. 35, here in January, 1899, and was very much interested in the lodge and never missed an opportunity to boost for his home camp, even after he transferred to a local camp in St. Joseph. At this writing it is reported the river is cutting badly where the train went into the water, and it is not known if it will be possible to get the bodies of the men out

or not. Mr. Neilson was about 45 years old, and the family have the sympathy of this entire neighborhood in their sad bereavement. "Later—The remains of Engineer L. P. Neilson were found where he went down with his engine in the Missouri river early last Wednesday morning, and the funeral was Thursday afternoon in St. Joseph, a number of the friends of the family from here attending."

—For Sale—Small rug, steamer trunk, wardrobe trunk, books, mirror, solid walnut secretary-bookcase and round center table and several other articles. GERTRUDE BENNETT.

New Director Elected. The board of education of Consolidated District, No. 1, met Monday and elected Godfrey Marti to succeed P. W. Zachary, deceased. Harrison Metzgar was elected president of the board. Mr. Zachary having been president until the time of his death. The new building is proceeding nicely the cement wall and basement being almost completed.—News-Jeffersonian, July 29, 1921.

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